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Note verbale dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and has the honour to enclose herewith the interim report on the steps taken by the Russian Federation to implement the above-mentioned resolution (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

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Interim report of the Russian Federation on steps taken to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 1737 (2006)

The Russian Federation intends to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 1737 (2006) in good faith.

A draft decree of the President of the Russian Federation has been prepared pursuant to the resolution and will soon be submitted for the President's approval.

We consider that serious attention should be given to the initiative put forward by Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), under which the Islamic Republic of Iran would suspend uranium-enrichment activities and the Security Council would in turn suspend implementation of resolution 1737 (2006). On the basis of this proposal, it is possible to find a political solution to the situation pertaining to the Iranian nuclear issue. This initiative is in keeping with earlier statements made by the Russian Federation and subsequently reflected in Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), which states in particular that if the Islamic Republic of Iran suspends all uranium-enrichment activities, the implementation of measures by the Council will also be suspended.

We consider that the main aim of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006) is to find a political solution to the issue of the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including through the launch of a negotiating process to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue.